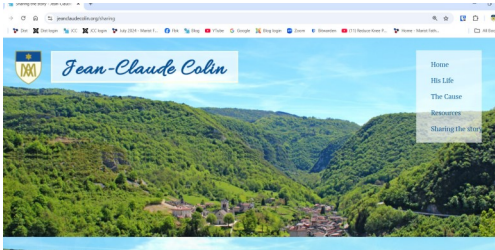




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Our Marist parishes, schools, communities

- Check that all our churches, schools, communities have an image of Fr Colin prominently displayed.
- Discuss with pastors and school personnel re the availability of printed resources in each place of worship and school facilities.
- Supply Colin, anniversary related inserts for newsletters and bulletins.

Resources about Fr Colin



- 'On Whatever Distant Shore: The Story of Jean-Claude Colin, Founder of the Society of Mary's short biography in DL sized booklet format' Go to page
- 'Founder and Father' (small booklet, available in 50 languages) Go to page
- 'Who is Jean-Claude Colin?' (small pages) Go to page
- Images of Fr Colin (official icon and other photos) Go to page
- Prayer booklets ('Prayer for grace', 'Prayer for a miracle') Go to page

Life story of Fr Colin - books



- Investigate sourcing copies and distribution of:
- 'Jean-Claude Colin, Marist Founder' (biography, Justin Taylor) Go to page
- 'A Short Life of Jean-Claude Colin, Marist Founder' (Abbreviated biography, Justin Taylor; available in four languages) Go to page

Other resources



- 'The Marist Way' - elements of the Marist spirit. Go to page
- Fr Leon (Huzarowski)'s article: 'Fr Jean-Claude Colin SM: a saintly educator for his time and ours.' Go to page
- Fr Colin's 'Ten Commitments for Missionaries' Go to page
- Jean-Claude speaks to Fr Colin Go to page
- 'The Society of Mary has begun' Go to page
- 'The Family of Marists' Go to page

Distributing resources

- Plan to print and distribute hard copies* of selected resources to our communities, parishes, schools, Marist Laity and other Marist works.
- Digital copies of most resources are available from the Colin website.
- Many resources are in multiple languages.
- (* current research suggests that up to 96% of emailed attachments are unread, so there is a strong case for supplying hard copies of material we want to be read.)

Promoting the Colin website, www.jeanclaudecolin.org



- 'His Life' series of pages Go to first page
- 'Seeking grace' and 'Prayers for Grace' (under 'The Cause' menu) Go to first page
- 'Resources' - an extensive selection of Colin related material Go to first page

Colin calendars



- Ensure supplies are available for parishes, schools, community and lay group use.
- There is an order form at the foot of the 'Calendar' page (under 'Resources' menu) Go to page

Colin-related anniversaries

- There are recurring opportunities to celebrate a Colin event or resource distribution
- See Colin website *Anniversaries* page (under 'Resources' menu). Go to page
- Check related liturgy, prayer resources and language options.
- Distribute anniversary list for communities, parishes, schools and lay groups

Developing a Jean-Claude Colin 'App'

- For use on hand held devices (phones, tablets...)
- Quotes from Fr Colin
- Anniversary related items

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May 14, 2025

Dear CCN confreres

Warm greetings from Sydney.

I hope this finds you happy
and well.

Long time, no hear

Yes, it's been a while since the
last Bulletin though I have
been in touch with most of
you informally over the
months.

A health issue caused a slight
pause in my activity, but,
thank God, that has been
happily resolved. Also,
uncertainty continues from
some Units in nominating a
confrere or lay Marist to
cover vacancies in our
Network.

Good news

Thanks to your contributions
on how to celebrate in 2025
the Sesquicentenary of Fr
Founder's death, I have been
able to put together the
promised page on the Colin
website, **'Sharing the Story'**.
<https://www.jeanclaudecolin.org/sharing>

The intro panel is pictured
above, while that's a scroll of
the whole page on the left.

It summarises many, but not
all, of the resources on the
Colin website which can be
useful during the
sesquicentenary year and
leading up to the Nov 15
anniversary.

It's possible that more will be
added to the page in coming
months, so I encourage you
to visit it from time to time.

If you have new ideas,
resources or offers of
translations, don't hesitate to
let me know.

More importantly, let's draw
from the page's ideas to share
more of the story of Jean-
Claude Colin in our Units.

Warm regards on this feast of
St Matthias... not all the
apostles got off to the same
start!

Ken Nissen Sm.